

was heard from David Lipman, M.D., Director, NCBI, NLM, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES (CLEAR) ACT OF 2009; AND OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS WORKER WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule for consideration of H.R. 3534, the “Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009,” and H.R. 5851, the “Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2010.”

The rule provides a structured rule for consideration of H.R. 3534. The rule provides one hour of general debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill.

The rule also grants a closed rule for consideration of H.R. 5851, the “Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2010.” The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part C of the report shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 3534, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 5851, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 3534. Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 5851 to the end of H.R. 3534, H.R. 5851 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard by Chairman George Miller (CA), Chairman Rahall, Representatives Bordallo, Cummings, Jackson Lee (TX), Altmire, Kline (MN), Hastings (WA), Young (AK), Lamborn, Lummis, Cassidy, Brady (TX), and Scalise.

SMALL BUSINESS INTERCHANGE FEES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Interchange Fees on Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES B. RANGEL

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Adjudicatory Subcommittee met to organize regarding a Statement of Alleged Violations in the Matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5892, amended, Water Resources Development Act of 2010; H.R. 5897, Economic Revitalization and Innovation Act of 2010; H.R. 5112, Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010; H.R. 5282, amended, To provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities; H.R. 305, Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2009; H.R. 5717, amended, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute Enhancement Act; H.R. 1997, To direct the Secretary of Transportation to update a research report and issue guidance to the States with respect to reducing lighting on the Federal-aid system during periods of low traffic density;